CAME ACROSS THE GIRLS.

By rock, and by rift, and runnel, by marsh, and meadow, and mound, went with his dogs beside him, and marveled no was found; gth of the whole green gorge, and the

gray cliffs gleaming on high,

Rang and re-echoed with borns and the musics hunting cry.

And the bounds broke out of the cover, all baying

And the hare sprang panting before them, along up

And the hare sprang panting before them, along up
the lawn, dew-strewn;
And a bevy of buskined virgins, dove-breasted,
broke from the bowers,
With spears haf poised for the hurling, and treases
tangled with flowers;
Their lips rose ruddy, disparted to draw their delightsome breath
For the chare, and the cheer thereof ringing, the
rapture of deslins death;

rapture of dealing death;
The fine heads eagerly lifted, the pitiless fair eyes fixed, The flower-fresh cheeks flushed flower-like-rich

hily, rich rose commixed;
The slender feet flying swiftly, the slight shapes
rushing like reeds,
When the Thracian breezes of winter descend on the marshy meads; they swept along like music; and wildered Action stood
Till the last of the maiden rangers was lost in the leaning wood.

# A BRAVE IRISH BOY.

#### A Story of Kentucky.

In the month of May, 1864, a boy of 15, with a small bundle under his arm, might have been seen walking wearily over a rough Kentucky road, His hair was brown, his eyes were gray, and there was a good-humored expression on his broad Celtie face, for our here was an Irish boy, who had gone out into the world to seek his fortune.

"Where will I sleep to-night?" thought Pat Roach, for that was his name, " Last night I slept on the ground, and it's stiff I was this morning.

At this moment his eyes fell upon a large and imposing mansion, on a little eminence to the right. "Maybe they'll let me sleep in the

barn," he thought. "Anyhow, I'll give them the chance. He turned into the front gate and

walked up to the front door and knocked, for there was no belt. The door was opened by a colored

"Well, child, what do you want?" she

asked, not unkindly. "Can you let me sleep in the barn?" osked Pat.

"What does the boy want, Chloe?" asked a young lady, who had just entered the broad hall. "He wants to sleep in the barn, Miss

The young lady came forward and looked pleasantly at the boy.

"What is your name?" she asked. "Pat Roach, Miss."

"Where are you going?" "To seek my fortune, Miss." "Haven't you a home?"

"Yes, Miss, but there's more of us than father can keep, and I'm the oldest. Bo I'm going out for myself." "Where did you sleep last night?" "On the ground."

"That was a pity. You didn't enjoy it, did you?" "Not much," answered Pat, shrugging his shoulders. "But it was cheaper."

"I suppose you haven't much money?" said the young lady, smiling. "Not a cent, Miss." 'Have you had any supper?"

"Yes, Miss, I've had a cracker." "You must still be hungry?" "Try me and see," said Pat, drolly. "I will," said the young lady, smil-

"Chloe, take this boy into the kitchen and give him a good supper." "And may I sleep in the barn afterward, Miss?

"No, but you may sleep in the house, Caloe, let him occupy the little back room on the second floor."

"Thank you, Miss," said Pat, gracefully. "It will be a fine thing to sleep

in a real bed again." Chice was well disposed to second the benevolent intentions of her young mistre-s. She gave Pat the best meal he had eaten for months, and drew out the boy's story, which Pat was quite ready the estate was owned by Mrs. Stanton and her daughter, who were left wealthy by the late Mr. Stanton, who had died during the last year. Beside herself

there was a man-servant, but he was lying sick with a fever. "You'd better hire me," suggested Pat, "while he's sick." "You can't do a man's work, chile."

"Try me and see," said Pat. ate a man's supper, anyhow." "You're right there, honey," said Chloe, showing her teeth.

A little after 8 o'clock, Pat, being fatigued with his long tramp, went to bed and was soon fast asleep. Mrs. Stanton and her daughter sat in a room on the second floor, one working and the other reading aloud, when the daughter approaching the window de scried to her alarm a company of men, ten in number, approaching the house.

At this time it was not uncommon for small roving bands, passing themselves off as Confederate soldiers, but really only robbers, intent upon plunder, to scour the country, forcing their entrance into lonely houses, and carrying off whatever of value they found.

Now it happened that Mrs. Stanton, who had recently received a large payment, had no less than two thousand dollars in Northern greenbacks in her house, and these she feared would be discovered in ransacking the house, and carried off. This money was uppermost

in her mind and that of her daughter. "What shall we do with the money, Jennie?" she asked in a tone of distress. "Where can we hide it?"

"I know of no safe place. The house will be thoroughly searched." "But I can't afford to lose it," said

Mrs. Stanton in dismay. "Give it to me, mother. I have thought of a way of saving it. There may be some risk about it, but it may

From a bureau drawer the mother took a roll of large bills, and with trembling hands delivered it to her daughter.

"What are you going to do, Jennie?"
"I will tell you afterward. Now
there is no time."

The young lady summoned Chloe, briefly explained her purpose and proceeded to the room occupied by Pat

Pat awoke, on being shaken, and stared in surprise at his visitors.

"What's wanted?" he asked. "Are you an honest boy? Can I trust you?" asked the young lady ab-"I never stole a cent in my life," said

Pat prendly.

"I will trust you, then," said Jennie, briefly. "There are some robbers approaching the house, who will carry off all they can find. Now we have \$2,000 in the house.

Pat in amazement. "Yes. The only place they won't think of searching is in your pocket. Dress as quickly as possible and put this money in your pocket."

"Yes, Miss; what will I'do then?" "These men will probably stay all night, Early in the morning—before sunrise—you must leave the house and stay away till 10 or 11 o'clock. Chloe will give you some food to take with you. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Miss, "By 10, probably, those men will be gone, and you can bring the money back."

"Yes, Miss. I'll bring it back faith-Loud knocks were heard at the fully." door, and the two hurried away. Opening the front door they confronted the troop of marauders.

"What do you want at this late hour?" asked Jennie "Supper and shelter for the night,"

answered the leader. "Who are you, sir?"

"Capt. Jones, of the Confederate "Why are you away from the main

army, sir?" "That's my business," answered the so-called Capt. Jones, impudently. "If you insist upon entering, you

must, but we object to turning our house into a camp,"
"Can't help it, Miss. It's one of the

necessities of war. File in, men." Chloe was obliged to produce from the pantry all the cooked food in the house, and the men did justice to it, Jennie Stanton remained up, feeling in no humor to go to bed. When the repast was over, Capt. Jones said:

"Miss Stanton, I learn that you have a large sum of money in the house. We must have it. "What, would you plunder us?" asked

the young lady, indignantly.
"We don't take it for ourselves. It is for the cauce," said the leader, hypocritically. "You may as well bring it at once and save the trouble of a search. You can't deny that the money was paid you last Monday."

"I don't deny it," said the young lady, intrepidly, "but it has already passed out of our possession."

"I don't believe it," said the Captain, looking very much disappointed. "Then you may search the house," said Jennie, outwardly bold, but inward-

ly trembling, lest the money should be discovered. "I will," said Capt, Jones, "Of course, where such a large amount is concerned, we cannot trust the word of

any one.

"Very well, sir, proceed. Chloe, go with these gentlemen." She slipped away to inform her mother of what she had done, and put her on her guard.

In the course of the search they came to Pat's room. "Who sleeps here?" asked the leader. "A poor Irish boy, who asked for a lodging."

"Let me see him." The door was thrown open, and Pat stared at his new visitor. "What's your name, boy?" asked

"Pat Roach." "Do you live here?" "No, sir; the ladies let me sleep here

to-night. They gave me a good supper beside." "Where are you traveling?" "I'm seeking my fortune."

"Are these your clothes?"

"Yes, sir.' To Chloe's great alarm, Capt. Jones took up Pat's poor garments, and thrust his hands into the pockets. But she need not have been alarmed. Pat to tell. In return she told the boy that | had taken out the bills and put them under the sheet upon which he was lying. Only a cent was found in the pockets.

"You are not very rich," said Jones. Pat laughed. "If I was, what would I be seeking

my fortune for?" he answered. "There's nothing here," said Jones, unsuspiciously.

The search continued, and a few articles of small value were discovered, but the great prize was not to be found. Capt. Jones concluded that Miss Stanton was right after all, and contented himself with what he had found,

About 4 o'clock in the morning Pat was called by Chloe, who gave him some provisions in a paper, and let him

"You'll come back?"

"Never fear," said Pat.
About 9 o'clock Jones and his party, after an ample breakfast, left the house. Still Mrs. Stanton felt nervous and anxious about the money.

"Jennie," she said, "that boy will never come back," "I think he will, mother."

"It was a crazy idea trusting a poor Irish boy, whom we had never seen before last night, with so large a sum." "It was the only thing we could do, mother. If we lose it, it will be no worse than having Capt. Jones take

"Two thousand dollars will be a great

temptation to a boy like that," "Mother, I like the boy's face, and I will stake a great deal on his bonesty." "When you have lived as long as I have, Jennie, you won't be so ready to trust a stranger. Why, the boy is only

"Even a tramp may be honest."
Mrs. Stanton sighed. "Depend upon it," she said, "we

shall never see the money again."
Two hours passed. It was after 11, and still nothing was to be seen of Pat.
The young lady herself grew nervous.
After all, perhaps her mother was right. But at half-past 11 there was a knock at the door. It was opened, and there stood Pat.

"Have you got the money," asked Chloe, breathlessly, "Every dollar of it," said Pat prompt-

"What made you stay so long?"
Pat explained that he had met Capt.
Jones and his men, who made him black
all their boots, and thus detained him an hour. For this service they gave him a \$5 Confederate note, which was far from being an extravagant remnnerstion for his labor, depreciated as it was

"He didn't think I had such a pile of money in my pocket," chuckled Pat. "I could have paid him better for blacking my boots.

"Did you come here directly after you "Two thousand dollars!" ejaculated left him?" "No, Miss. I didn't dare, for fear he would suspect something. I came as soon as I could. Here's the money, and I'll

bid you good-by."

Jennie said a few words to her mother. Then she turned to Pat. "How would you like to live with us?"

she asked. "Tip-top!" answered Pat, promptly. "Then you shall do so. You shall not be wholly a servant, but we will see that you are educated and prepared for a good position hereafter. You have shown yourself worthy of confidence, and will

find us not angrateful."
So Pat found a home and friends. had sought his fortune and found it. He is now a prosperous and thriving man, and has been able to provide for his parents and help along his younger brothers and sisters. Had he abused the confidence reposed in him and carried off the \$2,000, it is hardly likely that his future would have been as bright.

## How Henry Clay Prepared His

Speeches. When he deemed it necessary to make an argumentative speech, or what is generally called a set speech, he had his books piled into a carriage, and with his servant went just over the Maryland line to the plantation of Hon. Charles H. Calvert, and there remained in privacy until he was ready to address the Senate. Mr. Calvert was one of the wealthiest men and leading agriculturists in the State of Maryland, Mr. Clay's room was upon the ground floor upon the back side of the house, and opened upon a large portico from which there was magnificent scenery, as attractive a place as a retired statesman could desire, and the freedom of the plantation was his, with all its numerous servants, coming and going, arriving and returning, as he pleased, Mr. Clay's room there gives notoriety to the establishment to this day. Few strangers at Washington in the summer time fail to visit it. It has ever been the object of the proprietors to keep the room as he left it. There are his easy-chair, dressing-gowns and slippers. But his set or argumentative speeches were not what gave him character. He was not like Mr. Calhoun, when he made an uninterrupted speech in the Senate, nor like Webster in the Supreme Court-room. It was for his forensic or disputative talents that he was distinguished above all other men. Although the Senate and the galleries would always be filled when it was announced that Mr. Clay was to speak, yet it was always with the expectation and hope that some one would interrupt him and a grand intellectual sparring exposition would take place. Of all men whom I ever heard I never knew one who could endure so much interruption and discuss so many side issues and yet finish his speech with the entire facts and the entire line of argument marked out in his micd from the beginning, as Mr. Clay. Could the enemies of Mr. Class have formed a combination never to interrupt him, nor be interrupted by him, they would have deprived him of much of his Senatorial glory. The best speeches of Calhonn, Webster and Benton were well considered, and read now much as when delivered. Not so with Mr. Clay's best speeches. They were unpremeditated, and as much a surprise to himself as to his audience. Shorthand reporting had not then reached its present condition, Thus, Clay must suffer with posterity incapable of hearing the varied intonations of his ever-pleasing voice, or of seeing his gesticulations, his rising upon his toes, his stamp of the foot, his march down the aisles until his long fingers would almost touch the President's desk, and his backward tread to his seat, all the while speaking; his shake of the head, his dangling hair, and his audience in the galleries rising and leaning over as if to catch every syllable. As an impromptu, cut-and-thrust debater, always ready, never thrown from his guard, where is your equal of Henry Clay?-

#### From a Lecture by John Wentworth. What Ailed Dean Swift.

When "the Vandal desecration of monuments" in 1835, exposed Swift's skull to the phrenologists, the great Dublin aurist might possibly have found in the bones of the ear traces of the cause of his giddiness. When Mr. Whiteway examined the brain he might have found the cause of Swift's rightsided hemiplegia and his aphasia. It is enough now that we can diagnose his life-long disease as labyrinthine vertigo, and his insanity as dementia with aphasia; the dementia arising from general decay of the brain from age and disease, the paralysis and aphasia from disease of one particular part of the brain.

With all the tortures of the life-long disease from which he suffered and its obvious effect upon his temper in his later years, it is wonderful that Swift did retain his reason until, in the seventyfourth year of his age, he was in all probability struck down by a new disease in the form of a localized left side apoplexy or cerebral softening, which determined the symptoms of his insan-

That Swift's works contain no indication of insanity appears to be certain. As well say that Shakespeare was mad because he wrote a good deal which we think nasty. In the fashion of the day, Swift was too prone to make what may called excrementitions jokes and gibes. But that perfect gentleman, Antonio, voided his rheum upon Shylock's beard; and the same kind of thing runs through this great king of humor as if he were both bad and mad, not perceiving that if he were really insane he must be pitied and not cursed. But it is the weakest of arguments to say, with Festus, for want of argument, "Much learning doth make thee mad." There is always weakness in madness, but there is little sign of this in Swift's works. There is always some inconsequentness or incoherency in madness, but there is none of this in Swift. Down to the last letter to Mrs. Whiteway he is most wretched, but he is still collected and wholly himself. -Popular Science Monthly.

can not be done in your own strength.

#### DESTRUCTIVE TORNADO.

A Cyclone Sweeps Over the Town of Brownsville, Mo., Leveling Buildings and Killing and Wounding Many Persons. INDEPENDENCE, Mo., April 19.

A terrible cyclone swept over the town of

Brownsville, Saline county, Mo., at 4:30 e'clock yesterday afternoon. The entire business pertion of the town was demolished and seven persons killed and between twenty and thirty others badly injured. The storm came from the southwest and was very similar to the one which destroyed the town of Richmond four years ago. The s.orm came up so suddenly that the first intimation the people had was a sudden roaring sound, which was immediately fol-lowed by the appearance of a large black funnel-shaped cloud coming from the couth-west at the rate of at least 100 miles per hour. When the cloud was first noticed it was apparently about two miles distant, and hung perhaps fifty yards above the earth. When it reached the western part of town it dropped reached the western part of town it dropped down almost to the ground, and seemed to draw everything within a radius of several hundred yards up into the mouth of the funnel. It swept through the town, laying everything waste in its path. Two-story brick business houses were picked up like straws and whirled and twisted into shapeless ruins. Frame dwellings were carried some distance and dropped, smashing houses into fine kindling wood. Heavy timpers were carried several hundred yards through the air, and, falling end downward, stuck several feet into the end downward, stuck several feet into the ground. Occasionally the funnel seemed to strike the earth, and would rebound some distance into the air, only to fall again and continue its work of destruction. The storm lasted less than two minutes, but during that short space of time about twenty hudgess houses and dwelltime about twenty business houses and dwellings were leveled to the ground. The storm came up so suddenly that the people had no time for preparation, and to fact scarcely any one knew what was coming until the storm was upon them. The people in the streets were picked up and carried various distances and hurled to the ground dead or bruised almost beyond recognition, while those in the build-ings were buried by the falling walls and de-

For some time after the storm passed the people who were uninjured were so terribly excited that nothing could be done. When they at last recovered from their consternation search for the dead and wounded was commenced. It was at first supposed that at least fifty persons had been killed, but a thorough search revealed that only seven were killed outright, fourteen mortally wounded, and sixteen seriously injured. Those killed were:

J. S. Scruggs, a farmer. Claude Meyers, dry-goods merchant. T. K. Arthur, clerk.

W. M. Williams, clerk. Con White, City Marshal. J. S. Payne, minister. James Miller, clerk.

The storm's path was about 150 yards wide, and every house, tree or shrub in that path was leveled to the ground. After leaving Brownsville the funnel pursued a northeastern direction, and was next heard of near Marshall, where several farmhouses were destroyed. All

the telegraph lines leading out of Brownsville TERRIFIC EFFECTS OF THE CYCLONE BEFORE IT

REACHED BROWNSVILLE. The tornado struck Montrose at 3:30 p. m. resterday, destroying eighteen dwellings and four churches. No lives lost. A school four miles east of Montrose was blown down, and all the inmates were more or less injured, two little sons of John Farr, it is supposed, fatally. One little child was blown across a twenty-acre field and lodged in an apple-tree uninjured. Two men in apple-tree uninjured. Two men in an adjacent field were blown over a hedgefence ten feet high, and both seriously injured. The storm is said to have reached as far as Appleton City, and blown down houses. At Clinton a heavy hail-storm prevailed. All the windows facing the west were damaged. Hail felles large as goose-eggs. At Holden a number of houses were blown down, and others badly damaged.

### STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

Nine Lives Lost by the Burning of a Florida Steamer. The steamer City of Sanford, bound from

Jacksonville to Sanford, Fia., was burned near the former place. The Captain immediately rushed up to the pilot-house, headed his boat in shore, and landed her in three feet of water within thirty feet of shore. By this time the steamer was wrapped in flames. The passengers were up, in various stages of apparel. A group of five was on the rear-deck, when the Captain urged them to leap overboard into the shallow water. Miss Ireland fell overboard, and the stern wheel caught her dress and was about dragging her under its paddles when the Cap-tain sprang overboard and extricated her. Mr. Ireland, who jumped after her, was caught in the wheel and was also rescued by Capt. Rob-erts. Mrs. Ireland and her little daughter and Mrs. Keep and her little son were left on the decks. The ladies were about to jump overboard, when the two children, seized with pane, ran back into the blazing saloon, and mother's love, stronger than fear of death, urged the two ladies after them. The four disappeared in the fiery furnace, and were burned to a crisp. Their remains were found afterward under their respective state-rooms. They were but charred and blackened trunks,

grasping the almost-unrecognizable bodies of their children. G. H. Downer jumped overboard, but be-came exhausted before help reached him, and sank while attempting to cry for help. Capt. Shartelle was an expert swimmer and seaman, and he was drowned, no one knows how. Many of the passengers and crew sprang overboard in the shallow water and were saved, with the exception of two negroes, who have since died. Engineer Smith, after he thought all on board were saved, jumped through the spaces be-tween the wheel and made a wonderful escape.

## A Bandit's Bride.

The wife of the notorious outlaw, Jesse James, has been interviewed by a correspondent of the Chicago Times. It appears that the wife was the cousin of the desperado, and was the daughter of respectable people living near Kansas City. They were engaged in 1869, just after Jesse had been made an outlaw under the civil code and a price set upon his head. Their courtship lasted five years. One evening they were together in the yard of his mother's residence in Kearney, when five men entered the house and made a fruitless search, the bandit lying under a rosebush twenty feet away. The Gad's hill robbery noted as 2000 of which Leaves residence of the control of the contr twenty feet away. The Gad's hill robbery netted \$2,000, of which Jesse received one-fifth, and on that capital they were married and went to Sherman, Tex., for their honeymoon. Jesse was a participant in the robbertes at Corinth, Miss., and Munce, Kan. He subsequently raised fast horses at Edge-tield, Tenn., and was a delegate to the State Democratic Convention when homes our literature, no one objecting, until we rather recently become less natural and more nice. Some of our smaller humorists and men of letters have criticised this great king of humor as if he were State Democratic Convention which nominthey lived in Kansas City, under the name of Jackson, in a house in which the Blue-cut reb-bery was planned, and which for a week after-ward sheltered the main actors in the bold crime, Mrs. James says her husband had nothing to do with the plundering of the Treasurer's office at the Kansas City Exposition, or the robteries at Baxter Springs, Kan., and Otterville, Mo.

## The Crime of Loafing.

Many persons who would scora the idea of telling a lie will yet be guilty of acting a lie all their lives. They will perhaps be engaged to work for another a certain number of hours, yet will shirk or balf do their work, making their life Whatever you are undertaking to do a lie. It is is much a crime to act attractive for enlisted men an not be done in your own strength. falsely as to speak falsely. It is an unper cent, desert each year.

satisfactory and unprofitable thing to be a loafer. Once fully embarked on the sea of loaferdom, and you bid farewell to every friendly soil that sails under an honest and legitimate flag. Your consorts will only be buccaneers of so ciety. It costs money, for, though the loafer may not earn a cent or have a cent for months, the time lost might have procured him much money, if devoted to industry instead of sloth. It costs health, vigor, comfort and all the pleasure of living, honor, dignity, selfrespect and the respect of the world when living, and finally all right of consideration when lead. Be a gentleman, then, it is far cheaper.

#### BOLD BANDITS.

Train on the Texas and Pacific Robbed-Train Robbers Foiled on the Santa Fe Road.

An east-bound passenger train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road was ditched near Rineon, N. M., and five heavily-armed men attempted to rob the express, but got into the baggage instead of the express car, and before they could rectify their mistake and get into the right car the train men and passengers appeared in such numbers that the robbers fled. The engine and baggage and express cars were thrown from the track. The fireman was killed, and the engineer and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger badly wounded. The express is supposed to have had \$200,000 in silver from the Arizona mines, bound for New York, and it is thought the would-be robbers were informed of the fact by telegraph, and that they belong to the band of desper-adoes which has been committing all kinds of depredations in New Mexico and Arizona for

months past.

At Ranger Station, on the Texas and Pacific road, five unmasked robbers, armed to the teetn, sprang upon a train which had slowed up. The officers were corraled alongside the engine and held captive while the leader of the gang leaped into the express car and forced the messenger to give up his treasure. Meantime a colored porter had warned three Texas rangers in a passenger coach, and when they appeared a hot fight took place, the express car being riddled with bullets. The robbers did not have time to rob the passengers or rifle the mails. They retired in single file, making the train-men follow them for half an hour, the rangers being in the rear. The express messenger states that less than \$500 was secured, but it is believed that the plunder was quite

#### Anecdotes of Mr. Longfellow.

Mr. Appleton told the story of "Hyperion," and called attention to one of the incidents described as follows: His father, Mr. Nathan Appleton, and Mr. Longfellow, were traveling in Switzerland. They reached Zurich, where the landlord charged very exorbitant prices for their entertainment. Mr. Appleton wrote his name on the books and paid while demurring at the price charged.

"I have not put my name on the books," said Mr. Longfellow, "and if you will allow me I will treat the innkeeper as he deserves."

The name of the inn was the "Raven." He took the book away and soon returned with these lines: "Beware of the Raven of Zurich,

'Tis a bird of omen ill, With an ugly, unclean nest And a very, very long bill." Mr. Longfellow had a very keen sense of the humorous, and many a witty impromptu was occasioned by some slight incident or accident. One summer twenty years ago, when the Appletons were living in Lynn, the poet's son, Charles, who was very fond of sailing a boat, and who has since become a famous yachtman, came in his boat one day to make a call. The surf was high and the boat was capsized and he was thrown into the water. He was wet through, of course, and was compelled to make an entire change of clothing. Captain Nathan Appleton, in place of shoes, loaned him a pair of slippers, which he wore home. Mr. Longfellow, the poet, returned the slippers a few days afterward,

tle stanza : "Slippers that perhaps another, Sailing o'er the Bay of Lynn, A forlorn or shipwrecked nephow, Seeing, may purloin again.

The mother of Captain Appleton was Mrs. Sumner before she married Mr. Appleton and before Mr. Longfellow married his wife. One day, when he came from Portland to call upon her, he wore a pair of new boots, which were very noisy. When he went away the next day he left a little poem written on a card, which Captain Appleton stil' holds. It is as follows :

I knew by the boots that so terribly creaked Along the front entry a stranger was near. I said, "If there's grease to be found in the world My friend from the East stands in need of it here.

## The Man Who Was Scalped.

The occupant of a Griswold street office received a call from a stranger who said he was trying to raise money to belp him on to Vermont, and, when the citizen replied that he had already disposed of several callers since morning, the man continued:

"I tell you I have had hard luck, I lost my whole family by one accident."

.. Well, that was bad." "And I was robbed in Denver of \$2,-

"Yes; you should have been more careful. "Then I was sick for four months." "I see,"

"But that isn't what I complain most about," continued the stranger. "I fell into the hands of the Indians and they scalped me.

"Scalped you? Let m. See your The man removed his cap and displayed a skull as bare and shiny as a bill-

"Scalped! Why you haven't been scalped !" "Oh, yes, I have."
"But there is no scar here. You are simply a bald-headed man. If you had been scalped there would be some evi-

dence of it beside a lack of hair." "But the Indians sand-papered the evidences all away before they let me go!" yigorously protested the unabashed

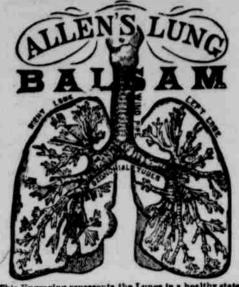
As soon as the citizen began hunting for an old chair-leg the stranger clattered down stairs, but at the door-way he turned around and called out : "That's the way with the whole gang

of you in this town : The Injuns might cut a man's head clean off and you'd claim that he was born that way! Don't you throw that club at me, and I'm going to Vermont if I have to ride in a palace car to get there !"-Detroit Free Press.

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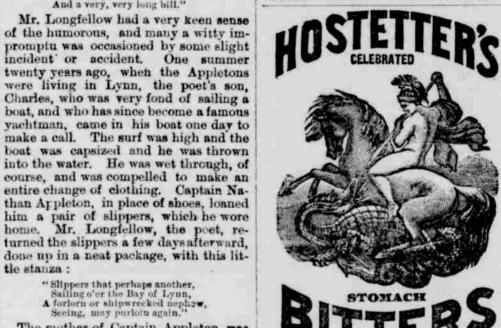
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